

Box No. VIII (iv) **DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP** (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)  
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**Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))**  
 for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/EP01/04130 (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26ter).

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.

Prior Applications: MI2000A000841, IT, 14 April 2000  
 60/231,698, US, 11 September 2000

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**Box No. VIII (III) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO CLAIM PRIORITY**

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Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

in relation to this international application,

- 1) PRONI Antonio, HOTELLIER Gianluigi and BALASSO Daniele are entitled to claim priority of earlier applications No. MI2000A000841, IT, 14 April 2000 and No. 60/231,698, US, 11 September 2000

by virtue of the following:

the applicants are the inventors of the subject matter for which protection was sought by way of the earlier applications.

This declaration is made for the purposes of the following designations for national and/or regional patents: US.

- 2) PIRELLI PNEUMATICI SPA is entitled to claim priority of earlier application No. MI2000A000841, IT, 14 April 2000 and No. 60/231,698, US, 11 September 2000

by virtue of the following:

the inventors of the subject matter for which protection were sought by way of the earlier applications, are employees of the applicant.

This declaration is made for the purpose of the following designations for national and/or regional patents: all designation except US.

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